

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants once again note that acknowledgment of the receipt and consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) filed on August 11, 2006 (received by the PTO on August 14, 2006) has not been received. As an indication of consideration of the references cited in this IDS, Applicants respectfully request an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the IDS.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 23, 32-41, 57, 59-61, 63, and 65-69 have been allowed.

Claims 1 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,493,050 to Lien et al. Applicants have cancelled Claims 1 and 8, without prejudice, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Thus, as all of the pending claims have been allowed, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be forwarded to Applicants at the address of record.

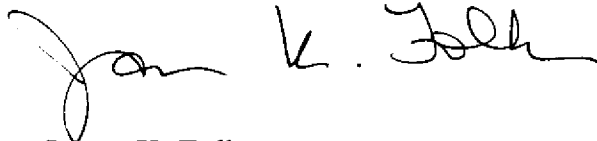
Should the Examiner be of the opinion that any outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely, it is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely. The Commissioner is hereby

authorized to charge fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,
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